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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for making travel related bookings, comprising:
providing access to a plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for a client
initiating a travel booking request;
allowing the client to book at least one travel item segment from any one of the
accessible CRSs; and
generating a travel itinerary booking record including information associated with at least
one booked travel item segment and information identifying each CRS for a respective booked
travel item segment,
wherein at least one of the providing, allowing, and generating steps is performed by a
data processing system.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a travel item segment is one of an air
segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]]1, further comprising, storing the
travel itinerary booking record for the at least one booked travel item segment.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, further comprising, displaying
the travel itinerary booking record to the client.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising, allowing the client to
modify the travel itinerary booking record.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing access to the plurality of
computer reservation systems (CRSs) for the client includes:

reading a predefined selection of the plurality of CRSs to be accessed during the
travel booking request; and

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accessing the selected plurality of CRSs to check the availability of travel items at the CRSs for the travel booking request.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the predefined selection of the plurality of CRSs includes a default CRS or a primary CRS and at least one secondary CRS.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein allowing the client to book at least one travel item segment from any one of the accessible CRSs includes:

displaying available travel items accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs for the travel booking request;

allowing the client to select a desired travel item; and

for each selected travel item,

booking the selected travel item with the respective CRS.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein only a lowest cost travel item accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs is displayed.

12. (Previously Presented) A travel management system (TMS) for making travel related bookings, the TMS comprising:

a server to provide access to a plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for a client initiating a travel booking request; and

a booking engine to allow the client to book at least one travel item segment from any one of the accessible CRSs, wherein the booking engine generates a super passenger name record (PNR) including information associated with at least one booked travel item segment and information identifying each CRS for a respective booked travel item segment.

13. (Original) The travel management system of claim 12, wherein a travel item segment is one of an air segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.

14. (Previously Presented) The travel management system of claim 12, further comprising, a database to store the super PNR including the at least one booked travel item segment.

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15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) The travel management system of claim 14, further comprising, a client interface to cause the display of the super PNR to the client.

17. (Previously Presented) The travel management system of claim 12, wherein the client interface allows the client to modify the super PNR.

18. (Original) The travel management system of claim 12, further comprising a terminal access editor (TAE) to define a selection of the plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for the client to be stored in a database and accessed during the travel booking request for the client.

19. (Original) The travel management system of claim 18, wherein the booking engine:
reads the database to determine the selected plurality of CRSs to be accessed during the travel booking request; and
accesses the selected plurality of CRSs to check the availability of travel items at the CRSs for the travel booking request.

20. (Original) The travel management system of claim 19, wherein the selection of the plurality of CRSs includes a default CRS or a primary CRS and at least one secondary CRS.

21. (Original) The travel management system of claim 19, further comprising a client interface to:
display available travel items accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs for the travel booking request at the client; and
allow the client to select a desired travel item.

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22. (Original) The travel management system of claim 21, wherein for each selected travel item, the booking engine books the selected item with the respective CRS.

23. (Original) The travel management system of claim 21, wherein only the lowest cost travel item accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs is displayed.

24. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform the following:
providing access to a plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for a client initiating a travel booking request;

allowing the client to book at least one travel item segment from any one of the accessible CRSs; and

generating a travel itinerary booking record including information associated with at least one booked travel item segment and information identifying each CRS for a respective booked travel item segment.

25. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein a travel item segment is one of an air segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising, storing the travel itinerary booking record for the at least one booked travel item segment.

29. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 28, further comprising, displaying the travel itinerary booking record to the client.

30. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising, allowing the client to modify the travel itinerary booking record.

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31. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein providing access to the plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for the client includes:

reading a predefined selection of the plurality of CRSs to be accessed during the travel booking request; and

accessing the selected plurality of CRSs to check the availability of travel items at the CRSs for the travel booking request.

32. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the predefined selection of the plurality of CRSs includes a default CRS or a primary CRS and at least one secondary CRS.

33. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 31, wherein allowing the client to book at least one travel item segment from any one of the accessible CRSs includes:

displaying available travel items accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs for the travel booking request;

allowing the client to select a desired travel item; and

for each selected travel item,

booking the selected travel item with the respective CRS.

34. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 33, wherein only a lowest cost travel item accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs is displayed.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the information associated with each CRS for a respective booked travel item segment includes at least one of a name of the CRS and a CRS locator.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the CRSs include global distribution systems (GDSs) and direct connect CRSs.

37. (Previously Presented) The travel management system of claim 12, wherein the information associated with each CRS for a respective booked travel item segment includes at least one of a name of the CRS and a CRS locator.

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38. (Previously Presented) The travel management system of claim 12, wherein the CRSs include global distribution systems (GDSs) and direct connect CRSs.

39. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the information associated with each CRS for a respective booked travel item segment includes at least one of a name of the CRS and a CRS locator.

40. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the CRSs include global distribution systems (GDSs) and direct connect CRSs.

41. (Previously Presented) A method for making travel related bookings, comprising:
providing access to a plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for a client
initiating a travel booking request;

allowing the client to book a plurality of travel item segments from accessible CRSs; and
generating a travel itinerary booking record including information associated with the
plurality of booked travel item segments, each booked travel item segment associated with a
respective CRS and at least two booked travel item segments are associated with different
respective CRSs,

wherein at least one of the providing, allowing, and generating steps is performed by a
data processing system.

42. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 41, wherein a travel item
segment is one of an air segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.

43. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 41, wherein the CRSs
include global distribution systems (GDSs) and direct connect CRSs.